

## SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend page 17, lines 9 to 27 to read as follows:

An increase of the amount of catalyst was investigated but did not bring about the hoped for difference in the reaction rate. At 150 °C as good as no difference was discerned between the tests with 6 or 20 g magnesium acetate. Also at higher temperatures of 200 °C, after an initially more rapid development of product [[no]] a marked difference in the product quantities was to be discerned.

Previous tests of reactions of urea with polyethyleneglycol have shown that below about 140 °C as good as no reaction is to be observed. Therefore 150 °C was chosen as minimal test temperature. ~~In the tests with titanium dioxide a rather moderate nitrogen stream volume was used to drive off the ammonia.~~ Using a nitrogen source to drive off the ammonia, a [[A]] clear influence of the reaction temperature in the course of the time dependant polyethyleneglycol concentration is [[not]] discernible in raising the level from 150 to 200 °C. It showed that at 200 °C a nearly complete conversion was achieved after ca. 5 hours, while at 150 °C very little product develops.